

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said multi-dimensional reinforcing core material is one of a fiber material and a fiber material impregnated with a resin, the fiber material comprising one of a woven fabric and a knitted fabric.
3. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 2, wherein said fiber material is selected from the group consisting of carbon fibers, glass fibers and aramid fibers.
4. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 2, wherein said fiber material is selected from the group consisting of synthetic fibers and natural fibers.
5. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said fiber material comprises metal fibers.
6. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said fiber material is a fiber material impregnated with a thermoplastic resin.
7. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 6, wherein said thermoplastic resin is an acrylic resin, polyamide resin, polyester resin, polypropylene resin, ABS resin, polycarbonate resin, polypropylene-ethylene resin or a modification or blend of these resins.
8. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 6, wherein at least one of said first and second resin surface layers and said fiber material-impregnating resin are composed of the same material.

9. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein at least one part of at least one of said first and second resin surface layers is a transparent resin layer.

10. (Currently Amended) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 9, wherein said multi-dimensional reinforcing core material is provided with a design including at least one of a picture, a drawing, characters, and a pattern, and the transparent layer lies over said design.

11. (Currently Amended) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said casing part ~~comprise~~ comprises the entire casing for the portable electronic device.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 9, wherein said multi-dimensional reinforcing core material is a film, sheet, or net ~~made of~~ comprising paper, plastic, metal, fiber product or a laminate thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 16, wherein said core material is provided with a design comprising at least one of a picture, a drawing, characters, and a pattern.

18-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A casing part for a portable electronic device, comprising:

a multi-dimensional reinforcing core material having a curved shape and at least two surfaces;

a first resin surface layer covering a first of the at least two surfaces of said multi-dimensional reinforcing core material;

a second resin surface layer covering a second of the at least two surfaces of said multi-dimensional reinforcing core material on a side opposite to said first surface, said second resin surface layer being integrated with said first resin surface layer on at least a part of said second resin surface layer; and

a resin-made structural member formed integrally with at least one of said first and second resin surface layers and protruding from said at least one of said first and second resin surface layers;

wherein said multi-dimensional reinforcing core material in the curved shape is embedded, ~~preliminarily formed before~~ by the first and second resin surface layers, ~~are injected molded on the reinforcing core material within the casing,~~ thereby strengthening the structural integrity of the casing.

35. (Currently Amended) The casing part for a portable electronic device according to claim 34, wherein said structural member includes at least one ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ a casing screw boss, a slide stopper structure, a partition, a reinforcing rib and a part anchoring structure.

36. (Previously Presented) The casing part for a portable electronic device according to claim 34, wherein said second resin surface layer is integrated with said first resin surface layer such that the core material is fully covered.

37. (Previously Presented) The casing part of a portable electronic device of claim 4, wherein the synthetic fibers comprise at least one of nylon and polyester.

38. (Previously Presented) The casing part of a portable electronic device of claim 4, wherein the natural fibers comprise at least one of hemp and cotton.

39-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A casing for a portable electronic device, comprising:

a multi-dimensional core preform for reinforcing the casing, wherein said multi-dimensional core preform is premolded from a mesh impregnated with a thermoplastic resin, and wherein said multi-dimensional core preform is premolded into a predetermined curved shape;

a first resin surface layer ~~which is~~ injection molded onto a first surface of said multi-dimensional core preform using a first mold, wherein said first resin surface layer is firmly bonded to the multi-dimensional core preform during ~~the~~

injection molding ~~because of~~ by the thermoplastic resin previously impregnated in the multi-dimensional core preform, and wherein said first resin surface layer comprises:

at least one resin-made structural member extending from the first resin surface layer, said at least one resin-made structural member ~~also~~ being formed by the injection molding of the first mold and ~~thus also~~ firmly bonded to the multi-dimensional core preform; and

a second resin surface layer ~~which is~~ injection molded onto a second surface of said multi-dimensional core preform using a second mold, said second surface being on a side opposite from said first surface, wherein said second resin surface layer is firmly bonded to the multi-dimensional core preform during the injection molding ~~because of~~ by the thermoplastic resin previously impregnated in the multi-dimensional core preform;

whereby the multi-dimensional core preform in the predetermined curved shape is embedded, by the first and second resin surface layers, within the casing, thereby strengthening the structural integrity of the casing.

42. (Currently Amended) The casing of a portable electronic device of claim 41, wherein ~~the core preform is premolded and impregnated with thermoplastic resin by heating and pressing the mesh~~ is embedded between two thermoplastic resin sheets in a molding die.

43. (Previously Presented) The casing of a portable electronic device of claim 41, wherein the injection molding of the first and second resin surface layers may be performed using a single injection apparatus comprising the first and second molds.

44. (New) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein the multi-dimensional reinforcing core member is two or three-dimensional.

45. (New) The casing for a portable electronic device of claim 41, wherein the multi-dimensional core preform is two or three-dimensional.

45. (New) The casing for a portable electronic device of claim 41, wherein the multi-dimensional core preform is two or three-dimensional.